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International Day for a World Free of Nuclear Weapons

The General Assembly,

Recalling that the promotion of peace and security is among the main purposes and principles of the United Nations embodied in its Charter,

Convinced that every effort should be made to prevent nuclear war and catastrophes in order to avert devastating effects on humankind, the environment and our planet,

Recalling the past accomplishments and new initiatives towards the establishment of a world free of nuclear weapons, including specific efforts by Member States and civil society,

Welcoming the recent positive momentum in the international community to work towards this goal,

Acknowledging the potential of education as a tool for peace, security, disarmament and non-proliferation,

Aware of the important role of youth in society in contributing to the promotion of the common ends of peace and security,

Emphasizing the essential role of Governments, intergovernmental organizations, civil society, academia and mass media in promoting these ideals to youth,

1. *Declares* 29 August as the International Day for a World Free of Nuclear Weapons, devoted to enhancing public awareness and education about nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation;

2. *Invites* Member States, main bodies, relevant agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations, regional commissions, intergovernmental, inter-parliamentary and non-governmental organizations and individuals to commemorate

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in an appropriate manner the International Day for a World Free of Nuclear Weapons, especially through all means of educational and public awareness-raising activities, and to cooperate with the United Nations in the observance of the International Day;

3. *Proposes* the use of thematic conferences, round tables, seminars, documentaries, publications, exhibits, educational and training programmes and other activities designed for and/or by youth, as well as innovative social networking and media technologies on an ongoing basis so that youth are better informed for engagement in a constructive dialogue and action with Member States, governmental organizations, civil society, academia and mass media;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite Member States, the Secretariat, organizations of the United Nations system, relevant non-governmental organizations and educational institutions to support the observance of the International Day as a global spotlight in the context of a range of year-round continuing awareness-raising and educational programmes on nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation issues and events highlighting significant milestones and achievements towards a world free of nuclear weapons;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.